

## 4 WORKMEN DIE IN AN EXPLOSION

An Accident Which Seals the Fate of Four Men.

Cause is a Mystery

A Boiler Used for generating Steam in Pennsylvania Hamlet, Blown up.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—Four men were killed in a boiler explosion at Rohrsburg, a small hamlet nine miles from Bloomsburg yesterday. The accident was from an unknown cause. The boiler was used for the generating of steam.

## DEFECTIVE WIRE CAUSES BIG FIRE

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—A defective electric light wire caused a conflagration in the business section of the city this morning, entailing a loss approximating \$300,000. The fire started in the carpet house of Krauss, Butler & Benham, North High street. Several firemen were injured. The most seriously hurt is Capt. Welsh whose back was wrenched.

## TWO KILLED AND FIFTEEN BADLY HURT

Detroit, Dec. 21.—It is reported from Menominee, that Engineer Garvin and Fireman Miller, of the fast Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, were killed and fifteen passengers badly hurt in a wreck at Lena last night. A broken rail threw the engine and two coaches into the ditch.

## PHONE SYSTEM

83 Systems Now In operation in North Carolina.

A statement from the office of the commissioner of labor and printing on telephone system of the state prepared for the commissioner's forthcoming annual report shows systems, 24,680 miles of wire, 15,632 subscribers and 36,455 conversations with \$346,472 receipts and \$47,354 profits in the state of North Carolina. The summary of the report follows:

Number of systems,	83
Miles of wire,	24,680
Subscribers,	15,632
Messages or talks during the year,	36,455,398
Local,	39,039,272
Long distance and toll,	446,226
Stations or telephones of all kinds,	16,252
Number of public exchanges,	125
Switch-boards of all kinds,	130
Salaried officials, clerks, etc.,	81
Wage earners,	400
Wages,	\$ 105,190
Total revenues,	346,472
Total expenses,	299,118
Net profit,	47,354

### A Word From Br'er Williams.

Many a man would lend to de poor — ef he wuzn't 'traid he'd have ter wait too long on heaven fer de interest.

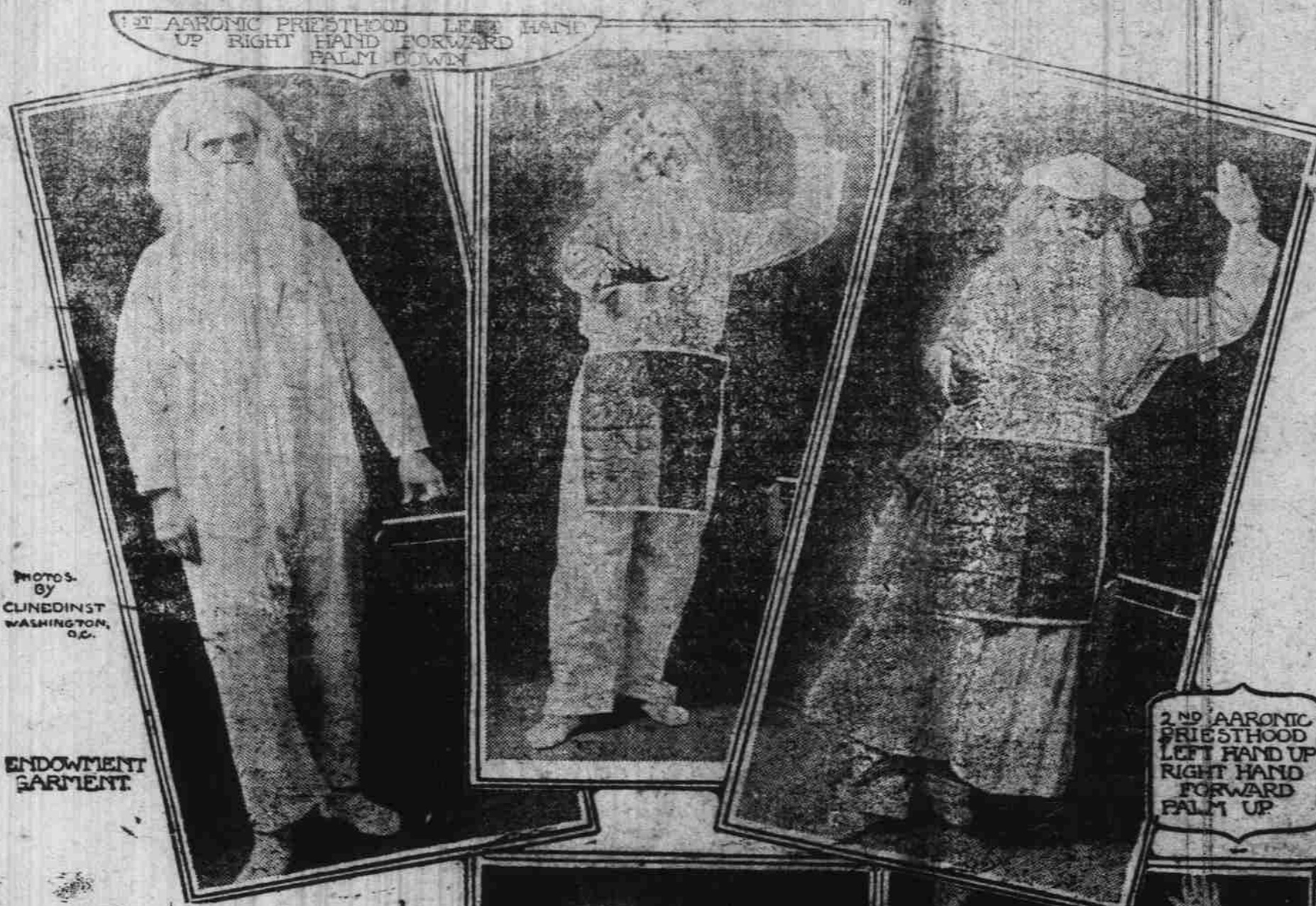
Hit's sa dispensation of Providence dat Chris'mus only comes once a year. Ef it come any mo' frequent, few of us would be able ter stand it.

A word ter de wise is said ter be sufficient; but it takes sixty words en a sermon ter make a fool come ter his senses.

Many a man in dils wol' cries fer justice, when de Lawd knows, ef he had it he'd deat thunder hollerin' ter git out!

Of course, Misery likes company. Ter tell de plain truth, dat's de time we needs it—for consolation purposes —Atlanta Constitution.

## MORMON APOSTLE IN GARB WORN IN "ENDOWMENT HOUSE"



## STATE'S WEALTH

Gain of \$150,000,000 During Past Five Years.

A dispatch from Raleigh contains the following:

The Corporation Commission, acting in the capacity of a tax commission, issues a statement or summary of property valuations and taxes in the State that makes a very interesting showing. It shows that the total valuation of all property in this State for 1904 is \$443,282,781, a gain of \$151,963,222 since 1899, and compared with \$33,372,939 in 1903. There are 29,404,882 acres of land, with an average value of \$4.92 per acre, Durham county having the highest acreage, \$15 per acre; Gaston second at \$14.23. Dare has lowest valuation, averaging \$1.19 per acre.

The valuation of real and personal property in the state is \$128,204,279. The valuations in some principal towns are Durham, \$10,470,173 (highest); Charlotte, \$9,681,885; Wilmington, \$9,247,766; Salisbury, \$2,476,260. The total solvent credit in the state is \$30,702,019, Forsyth being first, with \$1,091,635; Wake second and Mecklenburg third, with \$1,080,721. The capital stock of banks is \$7,583,498, with \$9,730,670 assessed value. Railroads are valued at \$70,612,721, and other corporations at \$5,803,025. The total indebtedness of counties is \$2,514,580 and of towns \$6,554,238. Mecklenburg has the largest of any county, \$339,500 and Asheville the largest of any town, \$991,500. Charlotte owes \$615,000; Wilmington, \$684,700; Greensboro, \$456,000. Of county taxes, \$198,724 remains uncollected and of the town taxes \$125,225. Thirty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-four polls are unpaid in the counties, and nearly double that number in the towns. The report shows that there are 858 lawyers, 1,322 physicians, 281 dentists, 8,836 merchants and 953 corporations in the state.

### Governor Glenn's Inauguration

Colonel Olds writes the Charlotte Observer as follows: "As yet no details for the inauguration of Captain Glenn as governor have been arranged. Governor Aycock was inaugurated out doors, speaking from the eastern portico of the capitol, the day being a superb one. Of course it takes perfect weather to enable such a ceremony to be held out doors. The inauguration may take place in the Academy of Music, which now presents a very handsome appearance."

## THE SESSION ENDS

Congress Adjourned Today Until After the Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The House and Senate adjourned today until after the holidays.

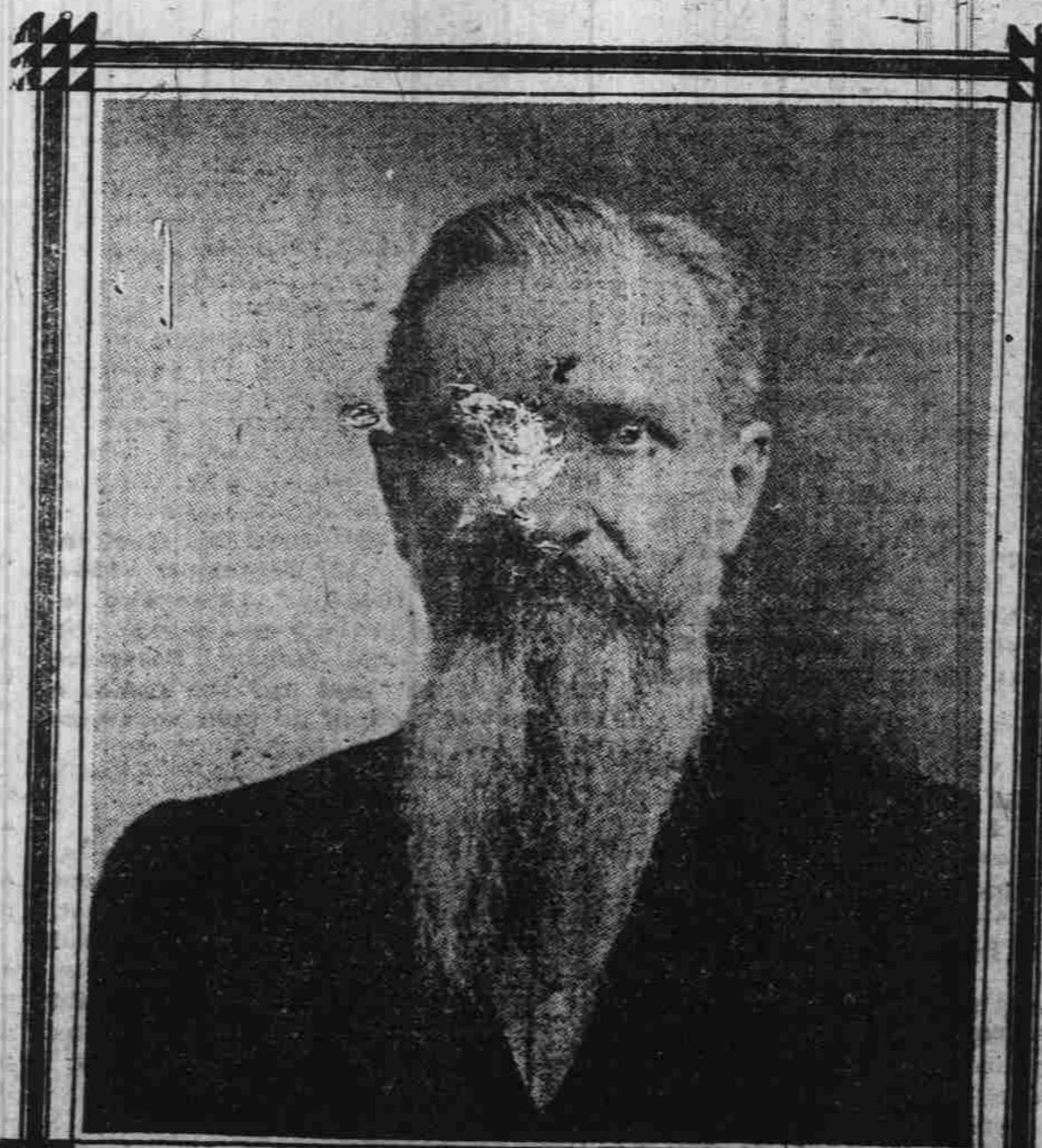
## THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Fair and colder tonight. Thursday fair, fresh northerly winds.

Dr. C. E. Smith left yesterday for a pleasure trip of several days. He will return the latter part of the month.

Miss Birdie Watson, sister of Miss Neita Watson, one of the teachers in the Graded School, has been here on a visit to her sister, returned this morning to her home in Henderson.

## Leading Figure in Senate's Investigation of Smoot Case



APOSTLE JOSEPH F. SMITH. Photo by Samuel.

## GOES TO THE PEN FOR RETAILING

Only One County in the State Exacts This Penalty

Yancey's Severity

Two New Grocery Concerns Incorporated To-day by Secretary of State

(Special to Sun.)

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The Secretary of State today charters the Edenton Grocery Co., of Edenton, \$100,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by J. A. Woodard and others and the Leaksville Spray Grocery Co., \$10,000 capital, by J. H. Moore and others.

Sheriff Haycotte, of Yancey county, brought Arlemas Tinsley, a young white man here today to serve twelve months in the penitentiary for retailing whiskey. He says Yancey is the only county in the State that makes retailing punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary under the statute.

In the Federal Court just closed here 116 cases were tried and 66 verdicts of guilty were secured, with fines aggregating \$17,000.

## PATTERSON WOMAN WILL SOON KNOW

New York, Dec. 21.—Nan Patterson, on trial for the murder of Casar Young will in all probability hear her fate tonight. Chief Counsel Levy summed up the case for the defense in a long and exhaustive speech this morning. William Rand, Jr., the states attorney presented its picture of guilt drawn from a mass of evidence adduced during many days of trial. The defendant was blithe and gay and conversed in a lively manner with her father. Judge Davis expects to charge the jury late this afternoon.

### DRUG STORE CHANGE

The Salisbury Drug company, which has been doing a good business here, has closed a sale contract and will change hands soon. The new purchasers will be here within three weeks and the business will be enlarged.

Until these gentlemen appear, C. J. Webb of Shelby will be with the present company. He is a graduate of the Pharmaceutical school at the State university and is a thoroughly competent pharmacist. Mr. Webb is here now and is conducting the business for the present owners.

The two young men who will engineer the new business desire their names withheld for the present, but they come with every fair promise to make the town glad of their professional and social citizenship.

### BIG JUNIOR RALLY

The three Salisbury councils, Jr. O. U. A. M. will officiate at a flag raising at Yost's school house, five miles from Salisbury, tomorrow morning. All Juniors who will attend are urged to be at the hall of Council No. 18 at 9:30 o'clock sharp. The Salisbury Juniors will leave at 10 o'clock and speaking will begin at 11.

Congregation First Baptist Church, Ho. Come to the prayer meeting this evening at 7:30. The pastor will discuss matters of interest and importance. Wm. H. Rich, Pastor.

## BRITISH PLOT IS SUSPECTED

Thirty Thousand Bedouins Revolt Against Turkish Authority in Yemen

A Serious Uprising

In the Last Encounter the Turks Sustained Significant Defeat

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Schlössische Zeitung reports that thirty thousand Bedouins rebelled against the Turkish authorities in Yemen, Arabia. Several encounters have occurred in the last of which the Turks sustained a serious defeat. The Sultan, it is said, suspects England is secretly rousing the rebels for the purpose of ultimately annexing Yemen.

## WASHINGTON'S FASHIONABLE CLUB BURNED

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club, the most exclusive social institution here having a membership of distinguished government officials and other notables, was destroyed by fire this morning. All the fire companies within the city boundaries were called out. The flames raged for two hours and only walls were left standing. Several members of the club were in bed when the fire started and were rescued with difficulty. The club was two blocks from the White House.

The most serious loss to the club was the library, which contained fifteen thousand volumes. The loss is in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Fireman Purcell was dangerously injured.

## DRANK AND DIED

Six Kentuckians the Dead From Wood Alcohol.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 21.—Four more men have been added to the list of six dead and two others are reported dying from the effects of wood alcohol poisoning at the mouth of the Beaver river at Big Sandy. Three others of the party are missing. Three push boats with a crew of seventeen men were enroute to Pikeville, the boats being loaded with freight. At the mouth of the Beaver, five miles above Prestonsburg, two of the boats sank and the men swam and waded ashore with much of the freight. A jug of wood alcohol was one of the articles saved. It was dark and the men were chilled and wet. Fires were built and survived. A man came along and them four bottles of moonshine whiskey. They drank the whiskey and wanted more.

One man said: "Let's drink the alcohol." Another said: "It will kill us; see the poison label."

One of the crew began mixing drinks and said: "Come on, let's have our Christmas now. If it's poison we will all die together." They drank the stuff and while at supper they became violently ill. Two doctors were called but could not relieve them.

That is a neat balance Governor Aycock's administration will leave to its credit. And that, too, despite the fact that Dr. Cy Thompson has returned to the practice of medicine and ex-Senator Marion Butler fleeing the lambs on Wall street.